

House Resolution No. 4107

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives are delighted to honor an outstanding Missourian who has witnessed dramatic changes in America during her sojourn on this most precious earth; and

Whereas, Leona Murray Thomas of Willard, Missouri, will commemorate the resplendent occasion of her One Hundredth Birthday with a special celebration on August 14, 2005, at Willard Care Center; and

Whereas, on August 14, 1905, in Walnut Grove, God brought a special gift to Mr. and Mrs. Irby E. Murray with the birth of an adorable infant by the name of Leona, who would put a twinkle in their eyes and fill their hearts with love and joy; and

Whereas, while celebrating her birthday, Leona Thomas will have the opportunity to reminisce about some of the significant events in her life such as her marriage to Irvin Eugene Thomas and the birth of their only child; and

Whereas, God has blessed Leona Thomas with the love and affection of a wonderful family whose members include one child, Gene; two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren; and

Whereas, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Leona Thomas has further distinguished herself as the recipient of the GrandBear award from Southwest Missouri State University, from which she graduated in 1928, and as a retired teacher who taught in Ash Grove, Willard, and Springfield; and

Whereas, at the respectable age of 100, Leona Thomas is extremely grateful for the countless blessings she has received throughout the course of her long and eventful life:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-third General Assembly, unanimously join in extending our most hearty congratulations and special birthday greetings to Leona Thomas at this significant milestone and in wishing her peace and contentment as she continues to enjoy her golden years; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Missouri centenarian Leona Murray Thomas, as a measure of our esteem for her.

Offered by _____
Representative Brad Roark
District No. 139

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-third General Assembly, First Regular Session, do
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 4107, adopted August 1, 2005.

Rod Jetton, Speaker